statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act as though the repeal, amendment, or transfer had not occurred. If a change in nomenclature involves a change in name or designation of any State unit, the successor unit shall be considered in all respects as having the powers and obligations granted the former unit.

SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the continuity of every commission, office, department, agency, or other unit is retained. The personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, and other properties and all appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of each retained unit are continued as the personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, properties, appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of the unit under the laws enacted by this Act.

SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any person licensed, registered, certified, or issued a permit or certificate by any commission, office, department, agency, or other unit established or continued by any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act is considered for all purposes to be licensed, registered, certified, or issued a permit or certificate by the appropriate unit continued under this Act for the duration of the term for which the license, registration, certification, or permit was issued, and may renew that authorization in accordance with the appropriate renewal provisions of this Act.

SECTION 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act does not rescind, supersede, change, or modify any rule adopted by the Court of Appeals that is or was in effect on the effective date of this Act concerning the practice and procedure in and the administration of the appellate courts and the other courts of this State.

SECTION 21. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by the General Assembly, cross—references and terminology rendered incorrect by this Act or by any other Act of the General Assembly of 2003 that affects provisions enacted by this Act. The publisher shall adequately describe any such correction in an editor's note following the section affected.

SECTION 22. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved April 8, 2003.